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SUBJECT: REPLY TO SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR LIMITED REDUCTION
OF TRAVEL CONTROL NOTICE PERIOD

REF: MOSCOW 6337

1. DEPT WELCOMES MFA NOTE OF MAY 28 AS MINOR STEP IN
REDUCING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT PROPOSED
ACCORD WOULD BE FIRST STEP TOWARD WIDER RELAXATION OF
TRAVEL CONTROLS IN USSR. US TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS WERE
IMPOSED IN RETALIATION FOR THOSE OF THE SOVIETS RATHER
THAN ON NATIONAL SECURITY GROUNDS. IMBALANCE IN VOLUME
OF TRAVEL WASH- NYC AND MOSCOW- LENINGRAD, WHICH IS PARTIALLY
OWING TO PRESENCE OF UN IN NYC AND TO NYC' S IMPORTANCE AS
POINT OF ENTRY AND DEPARTURE, IS NOT REGARDED AS OBSTACLE
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TO AGREEMENT. AMBIGUITIES IN CATEGORIES OF PERSONNEL TO BE INCLUDED IN PROPOSED AGREEMENT ARE CLARIFIED IN DEPT'S RECOMMENDED TEXT. WHILE DEPT WOULD WELCOME AUTOMATIC APPROVAL PROVISIONS, CONDITIONING PROPOSED TIME LIBERALIZATION UPON AUTOMATIC APPROVAL MIGHT NEEDLESSLY JEOPARDIZE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN AGREEMENT.

2. DEPT REQUESTS EMBASSY TO CONVEY FOLLOWING REPLY TO MFA'S NOTE TRANSMITTED REFTEL UNLESS OBJECTION PERCEIVED.

3. BEGIN QUOTE. REPLYING TO THE MFA'S NOTE OF MAY 28, THE EMBASSY OF THE USA WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MODIFY TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. MFA CONCURRENCE IN THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED TEXT SET FORTH BELOW COULD BE REGARDED AS CONSTITUTING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING:

A. DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, CONSULAR PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO THE EMBASSY OR TO CONSULATES IN THE US, SOVIET OFFICIALS TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO THESE ESTABLISHMENTS, MEMBERS OF SOVIET TRADE DELEGATIONS AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE US AND SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS IN THE US TO TRAVEL AT ANY TIME AND BY ANY MEANS BETWEEN THE CITIES OF WASHINGTON, D. C. AND NEW YORK;

B. DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL OF THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, CONSULAR PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO THE EMBASSY OR TO CONSULATES IN THE USSR, US OFFICIALS TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO THESE ESTABLISHMENTS, MEMBERS OF AMERICAN TRADE DELEGATIONS AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION TO TRAVEL AT ANY TIME AND BY ANY MEANS BETWEEN THE CITIES OF MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD.

NOTICE OF TRAVEL PERTINENT TO THIS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IS TO BE COMMUNICATED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF EACH GOVERNMENT NOT LATER THAN 24 HOURS (8 OF WHICH MUST COINCIDE WITH A NORMAL WORKING DAY) BEFORE TRAVEL BEGINS. THE CUSTOMARY FORM OF NOTIFICATION WILL BE A WRITTEN NOTE WHICH IDENTIFIES THE PERSONS TRAVELING, THE DESTINATION, DATE, ROUTES AND MODE OF

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TRAVEL. IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES, NOTICE MAY BE GIVEN BY TELEPHONE, AND LESS THAN 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE. EACH SIDE MAY PROPOSE EXTENSION OF THESE PROVISIONS, ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, TO OTHER CATEGORIES OF CITIZENS AND OFFICIALS NOT PRESENTLY AFFECTED BY THEM.

IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS, THE EMBASSY OF

THE USA WOULD WELCOME THE ADDITION TO THE PROPOSED AGREE-
MENT OF THE FOLLOWING: TRAVEL DULY NOTIFIED TO THE
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE WILL NOT BE
SUBJECT TO DISAPPROVAL. END QUOTE.
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